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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

S I R:

In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

**Statement of Relevancy**

The references were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in a related European Patent Application. GB 2 250 619 is equivalent to DE 40 34 681. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record



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to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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